

Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic fund transfer kiosk ~~for communicating with a ticket validation system via a ticket validation network, the electronic fund transfer kiosk being operable to provide a ticket to be used at a gaming device remote from the kiosk, the kiosk comprising:~~

~~a first processor to communicate over the ticket validation network;~~

a ~~second different processor~~ configured to communicate over an electronic fund transfer network to a remote fund repository without communicating through ~~the a~~ ticket validation network;

a display operable with the ~~second~~ processor to display electronic fund transfer information to a person;

an input device operable with the ~~second~~ processor to enable the person to enter electronic fund transfer information;

a ticket printer operable with the ~~first~~ processor to issue to the person the ticket, wherein the ticket has a value associated with an approved electronic fund transfer from the remote fund repository via the electronic fund transfer network, and the ticket includes identification information readable by the remote gaming device for validation of the ticket by ~~the a~~ ticket validation system via the ticket validation network; and

a housing that supports the ~~first processor, second processor,~~ display, input device and ticket printer.

Claim 2 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the input device includes a multi-button keypad.

Claim 3 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the ticket printer is a thermal printer.

Claim 4 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the display includes a vacuum fluorescent display.

Claim 5 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the input device includes a touch screen operable with the display.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, which includes a ticket reader operable with the ~~first~~ processor and a supply of cash stored within the housing, at least a portion of the cash provided to the person in exchange for a ticket printed by the remote gaming device.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, which includes a receipt printer operable with the ~~first~~ processor to provide a receipt to the person confirming an amount of the approved electronic fund transfer.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the electronic fund transfer network is a wide area network.

Claim 9 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the identification information includes a bar code.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A system for electronically transferring funds comprising:

a gaming device having a ticket reader and a first processor operable with the ticket reader, the first processor ~~operable~~ configured to communicate with a ticket validation system via a ticket validation network;

an electronic fund transfer kiosk having a ticket printer and a second different processor that operates with the ticket printer, the second processor to communicate via the ticket validation network to the ticket validation system, ~~the kiosk having a third different processor to communicate~~ and via an electronic transfer network to a remote fund repository without communicating through the ticket validation network; and

a ticket having a value associated with an electronic fund transfer approved by the remote fund repository via the electronic transfer network, the ticket issued by the ticket printer having identification information readable by the ticket reader for validation of the ticket by the ticket validation system via the ticket validation network.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The system of Claim 10, wherein the electronic transfer network operating with the second processor links a plurality of electronic fund transfer kiosks.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The system of Claim 10, wherein the electronic transfer network operating with the second processor links a plurality of remote fund repositories.

Claim 13 (original): The system of Claim 10, wherein the gaming device is located proximate to the electronic fund transfer kiosk.

Claim 14 (original): The system of Claim 10, which includes a plurality of gaming devices, each gaming device including one of the ticket readers.

Claim 15 (original): The system of Claim 14, wherein each of the gaming devices is located proximate to the electronic fund transfer kiosk.

Claim 16 (original): The system of Claim 14, wherein at least two of the gaming devices are different types of gaming devices.

Claim 17 (original): The system of Claim 10, wherein the ticket validation network is local within a gaming establishment.

Claim 18 (original): The system of Claim 10, which includes an operator interface device that operates with the ticket validation network to verify the ticket.

Claim 19 (original): The system of Claim 10, wherein the ticket validation network is a fiber-optic network.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The system of Claim 10, which includes a card reader operable with the second processor, the card reader accepting at least one card selected from the group consisting of: a credit card, a debit card, a gaming establishment card and any combination thereof.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method of providing funds for use at a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting electronically a fund request from a first processor of an electronic fund transfer kiosk to a remote fund repository via an electronic fund transfer network without communicating through a ticket validation network;

receiving, at the first processor of the electronic fund transfer kiosk, a response from the remote fund repository via the electronic fund transfer network;

receiving, at ~~the a second different~~ processor of the electronic fund transfer kiosk, identification information from a ticket validation system via the ticket validation network;

printing a ticket including the identification information, the ticket having a value associated with an approved electronic fund transfer if the response is an approval; and

enabling the ticket to be inserted into the gaming device for validation of the ticket by the ticket validation system via the ticket validation network, and the ticket being used to provide at least one gaming device credit.

Claim 22 (original): The method of Claim 21, which includes issuing a receipt with the ticket, the receipt verifying an amount of the approved electronic fund transfer.

Claim 23 (original): The method of Claim 21, which includes validating the ticket before providing at least one gaming device credit.

Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 21, which includes providing account information if the response is a rejection.

Claim 25 (original): The method of Claim 21, wherein transmitting the fund request includes transmitting the request over an internet.